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SUBJECT: COAST GUARD EXCHANGE

REF: HAVANA 882

1. CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 9 REFTTEL.
2. TO OPEN AGENDA, WE WOULD INTEND A GENERAL PRESENTATION OF COAST GUARD ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS. WE HOPE CUBAN SIDE LIKEWISE COULD PROVIDE SUCH GENERAL INFORMATION. WE WILL PROVIDE COAST GUARD AND 7TH DISTRICT (MIAMI) TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS PER REQUEST OF RAUL GONZALES TO WILLIS AT MARITIME BOUNDARY TALKS. WE WILL APPRECIATE RECIPROCAL DOCUMENTATION IF AVAILABLE.

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3. WE VIEW BASIC PURPOSE OF TALKS AS OPENING FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATION, REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE TWO AGENCIES ON COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES, AND TO MINIMIZE RISK OF INCIDENTS.

4. RE PARA 2, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE COOPERATION ON PREVENTION OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT IS INTENDED RE TOURIST OR SPORT
SEA CRUISES (THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE WITHIN PURVIEW
OF COAST GUARD), BUT WILL LISTEN TO WHAT CUBANS HAVE TO
SAY.

5. WE WOULD LIKE FIRST ITEM OF AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSION
OF SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES.

6. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT COMPOSITION OF CUBAN
DELEGATION APPEARS NOT TO INCLUDE MEMBERS COMPETENT TO
DISCUSS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, FLIGHT PLAN COORDINATION
AND OPERATION OF THE CUBAN ICAO SAR CENTER, AND WOULD
HOPE SOMEONE WITH THIS EXPERTISE COULD BE ADDED.

7. REQUEST YOU INFORM CUBANS OF ABOVE.

8. COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT LANE
AND HUTCHINSON FROM HAVANA TO WASHINGTON AND MIAMI,
RESPECTIVELY, ON JANUARY 19.
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